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Student regent visits campus



ELIZABETH A. PEREZ/COLLEGIAN

Scorpion Ambassador Lyzeth Flores explains the current status of UTB/TSC's Satisfactory Academic Policy to Karim Meijer (left), the student regent on the University of Texas board of regents, during a luncheon with student leaders Wednesday in Salon Bougainvillea. Meijer is visiting all of the UT System components during September. Also pictured is Scorpion Ambassador Joel Alalfa.

By Mayra Urteaga
Staff Writer

Karim A. Meijer, the newly appointed student regent on the University of Texas System board of regents, visited UTB/TSC on Wednesday.

Meijer, who was named to the board by Gov. Rick Perry, is a medical student at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas. He holds a bachelor's degree in finance with a minor in Spanish from the University of Texas at Austin.

He was at UTB/TSC from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., starting his day with a tour of the campus. Meijer visited the International Technology, Education and Commerce Center, the Recreation, Education and Kinesiology Center, the New Library and the Center for Gravitational Wave Astronomy.

At the ITECC, he saw the

facilities for the International Innovation Center, the Business Incubator, the International Trade Center, the Workforce Center and the Go-Green Assistance Center.

Meijer said the REK Center is an "unbelievable, wonderful place."

"It's Wednesday, it's like 10 a.m. and no wonder the place is crowded," he said of the facility, which opened in May.

Meijer also saw two versions of the border wall, one built by the federal government next to the university and a more aesthetic fence UTB/TSC built around the campus perimeter in an agreement with the U.S. government.

A meeting with the university's Executive Council was next. Among the attendees were Juliet V. García, president; Charles Dameron, vice president for Academic Affairs;

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Scorpions rout Broncs in Battle of the Orange

By Hugo E. Rodríguez
Sports Editor

Revenge is a dish best spiked cold.

The UTB/TSC Volleyball Team routed the University of Texas-Pan American at the second Battle of the Orange, held Wednesday night at the UTPA Field House in Edinburg.

The Scorpions, led by outside hitters Arelene Arreas Ferreira, Erica Chimak and middle blocker Valquiria Caboclo, took three games from the Broncs, 25-21, 25-16 and 25-22, effectively handing UTB/TSC the first victory against Pan American in four years. The loss puts the Broncs at 1-5 for the season.

In November 2007, the Scorpions were defeated 3-2 in a tough match against the Broncs' volleyball team at the first Battle of the Orange.

Before those matches, the Scorpions had gone for 57 years without playing their Edinburg counterpart, despite being only an hour away.

To two middle blockers, Talita Milasauskas and Jacque Touchet, who were members of the Scorpion squad that lost that November match, revenge was sweet.

"We know that they're our biggest rival over here in the Valley," Milasauskas said. "[It's] always good to win, especially in their house, that's awesome."

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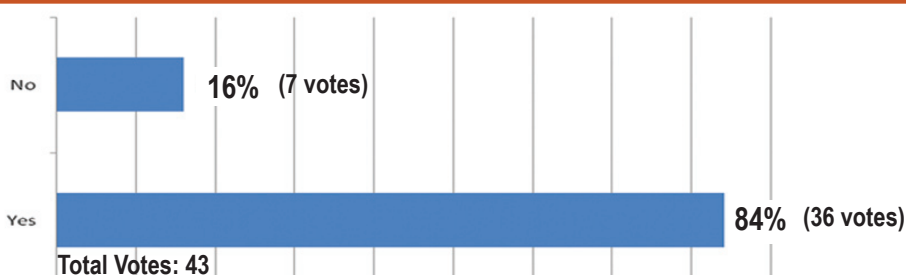


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Middle blocker Judith Boel goes for a kill during a game against University of Texas-Pan American at the second Battle of the Orange, held Wednesday at the UTPA Field House in Edinburg.

Poll Results

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tired of the
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Academic advisers ready to serve you

By Claudia Heimmermann
Academic Advising Director

On behalf of the academic advisers across campus, I hope your 2009 fall semester is off to a great start and that you are finding the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College a challenging place filled with amazing opportunities to explore.

While there will be plenty of questions and concerns as you navigate through your college career, please know that the academic advisers located in the schools and colleges and at the main center are ready and willing to answer your questions and address your concerns.

Your academic adviser can meet with you periodically to discuss academic programs, your progress toward degree completion and

help you in setting career and personal goals. Throughout the semester, we will send you e-mail communications designed to assist you in accomplishing your academic goals and to keep you informed about our various programs of study. Your program of study is the “vehicle” you drive in your journey through college. Academic advisers can assist in providing the “road map” on how to get to your final destination--graduation. It is up to you, the student, to “consult the map” periodically in order to achieve your ultimate goal.

We look forward to seeing you throughout the semester! You may reach us at 882-7362, by e-mail at academicadvising@utb.edu, or at any of the following locations:

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Police Reports



Following are among the incidents reported by Campus Police between Aug. 25 and 30.

At 2:26 p.m. Aug. 25, a student reported witnessing a hit-and-run accident in Lot R. She said the driver of an Isuzu Trooper struck a parked Chevrolet Equinox while trying to park in the space next to it. The driver then left to park in another area. The Equinox sustained damage on the driver’s side door and back

quarter. Campus Police placed an immobilization device on the Trooper.

At 2:43 p.m. the same day, a woman reported that someone slashed the tires of her vehicle while it was parked at the International Technology, Education and Commerce Center. The damage was estimated at \$80.

At 1:15 a.m. Aug. 30, a resident assistant found two empty cans of alcoholic beverages in a room at The Village at Fort Brown.

At 4:15 p.m. the same day, a student tried to force open the door to his room at The Village at Fort Brown. The student appeared to be disoriented and intoxicated.

--Compiled by Cynthia Hernandez

Briefs

LSAT mock prep test

The 2009 **Filemon B. Vela Pre-law Academy** will offer mock prep tests of the **Law School Admission Test** at 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 19, Oct. 24 and Nov. 21 in Cardenas Hall South 117. The tests will take four hours. For more information, call **Karen Betancourt**, the assistant master technical instructor with the legal studies program, at 882-7526.

TSC board meeting

The **Texas Southmost College District** board of trustees will meet at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 17 in the Gorgas Hall boardroom. For more information, call 882-6567.

SGA meeting

The **Student Government Association** meets at 5 p.m. each Thursday in the Student Union’s Salon Gardenia. Students may

offer suggestions, comments or concerns about UTB/TSC during the “**Let Your Voice Be Heard**” portion of the meeting. For more information, send an e-mail to SGA President **Ruby de la Fuente** at 882-5877.

--Compiled by Deidre Chaisson

If you would like your organization or department news published in The Collegian’s Briefs section, call Deidre Chaisson at 882-5116 or send her an e-mail at collegian@utb.edu.

Scholarships

The **Atlas Shrugged Essay Contest** is available for entrants who are enrolled full time in a college degree program at the time of entry. The essay must be no fewer than 1,000 and no more than 1,200 words in length and must be typewritten and double-spaced. Essays must be solely the work of the entrant. The **deadline to enter is Sept. 17**. For additional information, visit www.aynrand.org/site/PageServer?pagename=education_contests_atlas.

The **Education Matters & Shout It Out Scholarship** is available to any legal U.S. resident, age 13 or older, who will be enrolled no later than Fall 2014 in an accredited post-secondary institution of higher education. The applicant must complete an online scholarship search profile at ScholarshipExperts.com, as well as submit an online written response of 250 words or less for the scholarship topic. **The deadline to apply is Sept. 30**. For more information, visit www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htx_

The **Xerox Scholarship** is available to any U.S. citizen or visa-holding permanent resident student of African American, Asian, Pacific Island, Native American, Native Alaskan or Hispanic descent. Applicants must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or higher and be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student in any of the following technical fields: chemistry, computing and software systems, material science, printing management service, laser optics, physics, material science or engineering. **The postmark deadline is Sept. 30**. For additional information and application, visit: www.xerox.com/go/xrx//template/009.jsp?view=Feature&Xcntry=USA&pXlang=en_US&ed_name=Careers_Technical_Scholarship.

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The **AES Engineers Scholarship** has a \$500 scholarship available for high school seniors and all students attending a post-secondary educational facility. Applicants must submit an essay of no more than 1,000 words in answer to one of the two questions provided by the scholarship committee. **The deadline to apply is Oct. 6**. For more information, visit www.aesenengineers.com/scholarships.htm.

The **American Association on Health and Disability Scholarship** is available to high school graduates who have a documented disability and provided documentation of their disability. The applicant must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident living in the United States and enrolled in, or accepted by, an accredited U.S. four-year university or graduate school on a full-time basis. Preference will be given to students majoring in public health, disability studies, health promotion or a field related to disability and health. **The postmark deadline is Oct. 15**. For more information, call Robert Carlin, AAHD executive director, at (301) 545-6140, Ext. 206. Applications are available online at www.utb.edu/em/fa/Pages/FAScholarshipsLatest.aspx.

The **Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Competition** awards up to \$30,000 to students who voice their opinion in a three-to-five-minute essay based on an annual theme in the scope of patriotism. Applicants must be younger than 20 years of age and may not be foreign exchange students. **The deadline**

to apply is Nov. 1. For more information, visit www.vfw.org/index.cfm?fa=cmy.level&did=150.

The **Top Ten List Scholarship** will award five scholarships of \$1,000 each. Applicants must be age 13 or older and be legal residents of the United States as well as be enrolled (or enroll no later than Fall 2014) in an accredited post-secondary institution of higher education. Additionally, applicants must submit an online written response (250 words or less) for the scholarship topic. **The deadline to apply is Dec. 31**. For more information, visit www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htx.

The **Gates Millennium Scholars** award is available to any citizen/legal permanent resident or nationals of the United States who are African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian and Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American who have attained a cumulative grade-point average of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale. The applicant must meet the federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria and have all three nominee forms submitted by the deadline. Other requirements include that the applicant will enroll for the first time at a U.S.-accredited college or university as a full-time, degree-seeking, first-year student in Fall 2010. **The deadline to apply is Jan. 11, 2010**. For more information, visit www.gmsp.org/.

--Compiled by Deidre Chaisson

City tax rate hearings end; vote set

By Christine Cavazos
Staff Writer

After conducting two public hearings, the Brownsville City Commission is set to vote Sept. 14 on a 2-cent increase in the property tax rate.

The proposed 2009 ad valorem tax rate is .674189 cents per \$100 valuation, an increase of 3.64 percent over the 2008 tax rate of .654189 per \$100.

Brownsville residents continued to voice their opposition to the tax hike at the second public hearing, held last Tuesday.

Leticia Perez Garzoria said there are other ways to keep the city running without having to raise taxes.

“I love my city, but I don’t like the way the money is being used,” Garzoria said.

She questioned the new parks and bike trails that the city has constructed.

“I can tell you what I’ve seen in these parks,” Garzoria said. “I’ve seen random gang youth ... vandalizing and terrorizing neighborhoods. Nobody can go there and ride their bikes. They can’t go walking and they can’t enjoy the walking trails. These are parks that we paid for. ... I can see the use of these parks, but they are not working.”



FRANCISCO GARZA/COLLEGIAN

Brownsville resident Leticia Perez Garzoria speaks out against a 2-cent increase in the property tax rate during a public hearing Sept. 1 in City Hall. The increase would raise the property tax rate to .674189 cents per \$100 valuation, an increase of 3.64 percent over the 2008 tax rate of .654189 per \$100.

She suggested the commission let residents vote on the tax increase.

“Put it up for a vote,” Garzoria said. “I’ll tell you what I think about it, and so will the rest of Brownsville. They will be more than happy to tell you if it benefits them and if they are willing to go out for it or not.”

Residents may vote to lower taxes only when they are above rollback rate.

“The rollback rate is the maximum rate that a taxing unit may adopt without having the voters start a petition drive to lower the tax rate,” Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer Pete Gonzalez told *The Collegian* via e-mail. “The City of Brownsville is not proposing a tax rate above the rollback rate.”

Tere Flores agreed with Garzoria, saying parks are luxuries.

“We don’t have the money to dedicate to luxury,” Flores said.

She said there are many people who are building without the proper licenses and suggested the city hire an employee to inspect construction permits.

Mayor Pat Ahumada responded that the city does not have funds or the manpower but relies on residents to report violations.

Former city employee Maria Castillo told the commission the city needs to learn how to budget.

“We have to start doing that, and it’s hard,” Castillo said.

If the commission approves the rate, ad valorem tax collections for Fiscal Year 2010 are expected to total \$35,685,934, compared with \$33,896,413 for FY 2009.

Additional revenue sources include sales taxes, licenses and permits, fines and

forfeitures and interest income.

The city expects to generate \$121,441,206 in total revenue for FY 2010. Budget expenditures will total \$123,480,934.

The Collegian asked Gonzalez how the city would make up the difference between revenues and expenses.

“The city is going to make up the budget shortfall with either additional revenues, reduction in expenditures or use surplus funds to balance the budget,” Gonzalez replied.

Expenses include fire and police protection, municipal court, finance, city manager, city secretary, legal, health, human resources, inspection, public works, traffic, parks and recreation, emergency medical services, engineering, zoning and general services and contingencies.

“The majority [of the general fund] is distributed or allocated for personnel cost, which is 72.2 percent,” Gonzalez told the commission.

The mayor wanted the audience to note what the expenditures are for.

“Please take in here the expenses; the majority goes to public safety,” Ahumada said. “The city has grown tremendously and we are doing more with less.”

Traffic light to ease congestion near REK Center

By Christine Cavazos
Staff Writer

Students crossing University Boulevard at Ringgold Road to get to the REK Center often have to dodge cars. But, that is about to change.

UTB/TSC asked the City of Brownsville to install a traffic light at the intersection.

“This is a very hectic intersection ... and even more so now with the REK Center,” Eduardo Campirano, vice chairman of the Texas Southmost College District board of trustees, said during the board’s meeting Aug. 27.

Last Tuesday, the Brownsville City Commission awarded a contract to Star Operations Inc. in the amount of \$143,964.11 for traffic signal improvements at the intersection. UTB/TSC will reimburse the city for the cost of the signal.

Allan Peakes, assistant vice president for Facilities Services, said the city will begin working on the project this month, with completion scheduled for December.

David Pearson, vice president for Partnership Affairs, gave the board a status report on the university’s construction projects.



MICHAEL PEÑA/COLLEGIAN

A UTB/TSC student runs across University Boulevard at Ringgold Road on Thursday.

Pearson said work continues on the Commissary Building, formerly the Art Building, with the wooden floor and other details complete on the first floor.

Work at the Commandant’s Quarters also continues.

“[UTB/TSC President Juliet V.] Garcia has asked us to accelerate the work schedule on this in order to have the facility ready for the arrival of our new provost, Alan [F.J.] Artibise in late October, so we transferred some Physical Plant workers over to the Commandant’s Quarters,” he said.

The Ringgold Road sidewalk leading to the REK Center is in progress and plumbing improvements are under way in Cavalry Hall.

“This is going to be a suite of offices, mechanical room, [and] restrooms serving the entire facility,” Pearson said of Cavalry Hall.

Campus Police has moved into its new headquarters in the former Newman Center, which the university bought from the Diocese of Brownsville. The building has been renamed the Campus Security

Center.

Veronica Mendez, assistant vice president for Planning and Construction, said the REK Center parking lot is now complete and has 139 spaces.

Mendez said improvements were made to the REK Center soccer field, including a score board, the addition of netting to the fence, a goal net and benches.


Fences and sidewalks at the Center for Early Childhood Studies are complete, and the Arts Center is expected to be finished by the end of the semester.

Work on the Science & Technology Learning Center is in progress and will be completed in 2011.

In other news, the board recognized Graciela Gutierrez for her donation to the Arts Center, and named Box D on the first floor of the center as the “Graciela Gutierrez Box.”


“Mrs. Gutierrez has been a friend and supporter of UTB/TSC in education and the arts for many years,” said Ruth Ann Ragland, vice president for Institutional Advancement. “Her interest in education also extends to both sides of the border.

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Student Soapbox

How much money did you spend on textbooks, and how did it affect your wallet?



"Right now, it's an estimate of \$300, but I'm actually going to go buy some more right now, so probably about \$350."

Carlos "CJ"

Hernandez
Freshman

"I spent around \$430 and it didn't affect my wallet 'cause it was paid for by financial aid."

Miriam Aguayo
Freshman



"I spent around \$60, and it affected my wallet because I had already spent on tuition and I had to buy [the books] online 'cause that was the cheapest way."

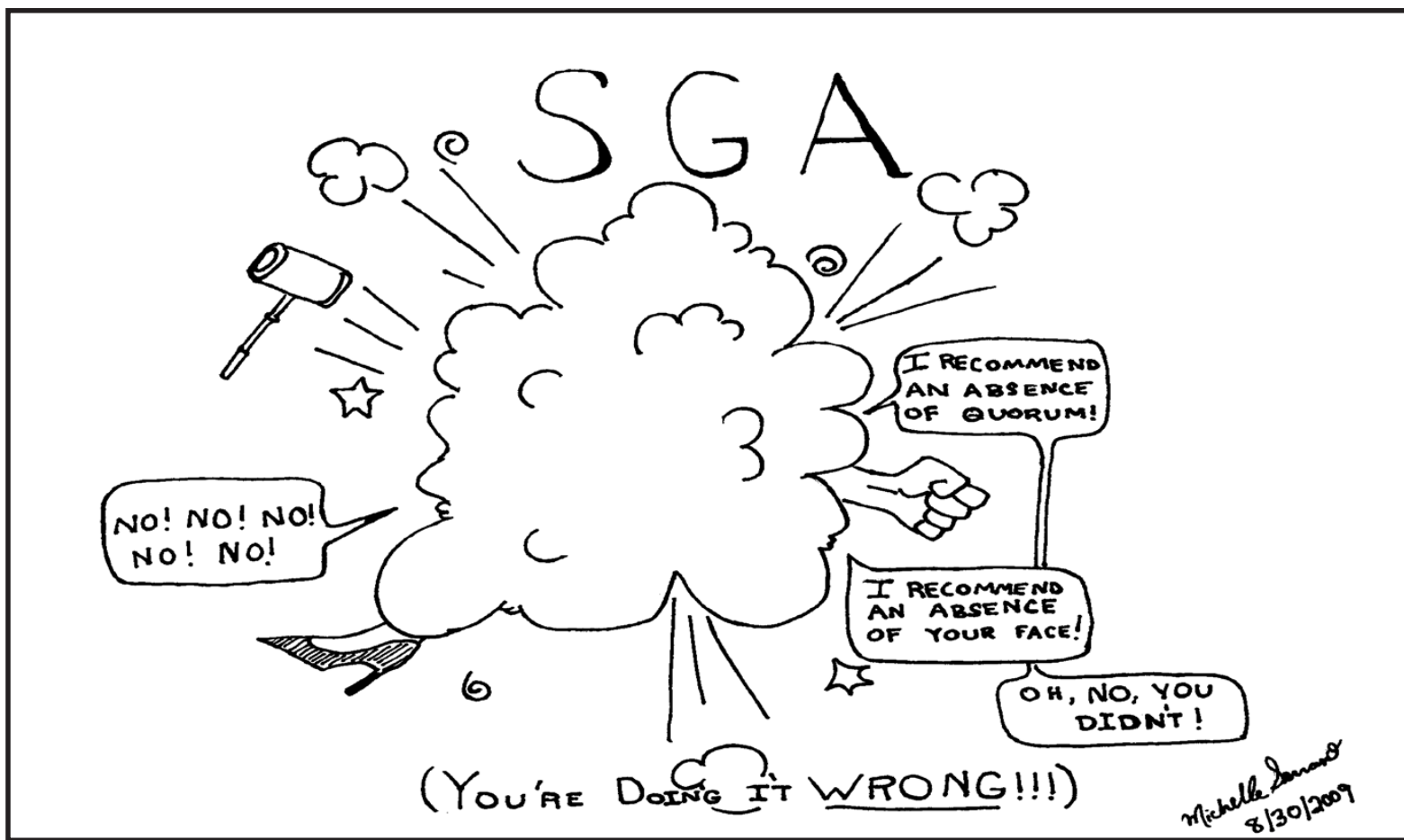
Chris Gamez
Junior communication major

"I spent about \$490 'cause I have about four classes that I need to take. ... It really affected my wallet in the fact that my parents aren't that financially good. I could have taken more scholarships ... but some of them didn't come. It really affected my parents bad, especially because of the economy."

Chantelle M. Mascorro
Freshman communication major



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--Photos by Lewis Osorio



President's Corner



Fellow Scorpions, I have remained silent about the issues that have been plaguing the Student Government

Association since my victory in last spring's election. But now it is imperative that you, the students, know what has occurred. A few individuals have halted the many efforts to serve you this new school year. Preparation for activities does not occur a week prior to the event; there is a great deal of planning and coordination that has to occur by many to ensure its proper execution. But this has been the mindset of those who swore that they were going to invest the time to serve you, as they have sat back this summer, and broken their promise to serve the student body.

During the summer, I contacted the individuals elected to the SGA and indicated that their presence was necessary to assist in planning and execution for upcoming events. The response from the individuals was as follows: David Polin and Luis Buentello were both on campus, but could not make the time; Nathaniel Garcia was out of town and could only be reached by e-mail, but never responded; Robert Paredes, who indicated he

was not going to be able to fulfill his duties and, therefore, resigned; and John Froozan, who said he was willing to do whatever to help make things right. So, students, basically there were two people doing what needed to be done while the others sat back and enjoyed their summer, at your expense.

In my attempts to bring others on board, volunteers, who were willing to give of their time and effort, Polin and Buentello snubbed them during a special meeting in July, by not even considering them; but John and I were intent on looking out for your interest. We continued planning all that we could, attending all meetings, ensuring that the freshmen were greeted at orientations and recruiting new members to assist in taking care of the students' business. Then a month later, at another special meeting, where 15 students, ready to start working as your representatives, were blatantly disregarded by Polin and Buentello a second time, by blocking their acceptance into the student senate; and for no reason other than to carry out their own agenda.

We have taken to heart the administration's request to work toward achieving an amicable agreement by working with those who did not agree with my goals for the year. Those individuals who have indicated their interest in

serving have remained committed, in spite of the indignity that they incurred.

On Aug. 25, an accord was reached with Polin, Buentello and the returning Garcia; the advisers, [Mari] Fuentes-Martin and David Marquez sat as witnesses to the agreements that would allow for the students' business to be finally addressed. Then, on Aug. 27, Polin, Buentello and Garcia reneged on their word, and made it clear that they did not have anyone's interest other than their own in mind, by again humiliating the same group of willing volunteers, by putting off their induction into the Student Government.

I have always believed your word is your bond and to renege on an agreement is a reflection of one's character, but when it affects 11,000-plus students, as it does here, it takes on even greater significance.

As to the question, "What has SGA done so far?" I answer you now:

Recap of summer activities

- Welcome Week Planning
- Planning for the first annual Scorpion Homecoming
- Orientation meet and greet for 2,100 new freshmen
- Coordination with Judge [Felix] Recio, U.S. magistrate, for the celebration of Constitution Day
- Budget planning for next year (as passed in Resolution No. 2)

--Recruitment of students who wish to join and participate in the Student Government (16 willing volunteers who have been interviewed by me, and eligibility approved by the dean of students)

--Updated SGA Web site (it has not been updated in three years)

--2009-2010 SGA brochures (available at every orientation and at your SGA office)

--Meeting with the Deans' Council (introduced SGA goals and objectives, as well as asked for recommendation of future student leaders)

--Tentative Event Dates:

- Constitution Day, Sept. 17
- Homecoming Week, Oct. 17-24
- Halloween Extravaganza, Oct. 24
- Scorpion Academy (pending date)

I would like to reiterate that Buentello, Polin and Garcia did not participate in these endeavors. We welcome suggestions in my efforts to serve the student body and ensure that your concerns are being heard and addressed. I believe that it is possible to accomplish a great deal this school year and look forward to working with future student leaders, administrators and faculty.

Ruby de la Fuente
SGA President

Letters to the editor

Résumé builders

Last semester, the Student Government Association demonstrated a complete lack of initiative to serve students. Former President Erasmo Castro gave long and tedious speeches regarding his "services" to this institution. Services? He quickly mentioned "Diversity Week" as his most valued example of these alleged services, which made me ponder: What exactly did "Diversity Week" fix or provide

to the student body other than wasting its money? Did it fix the lack of working computers at the library, or the non-existent relationship of SGA with the students?

Now before Castro or any of his minions say that SGA made more events than "Diversity Week," let's not forget the "Hot Dog Eating Contests" as well as all the "free pizza" SGA gave the students. Wow, I didn't know SGA thought the student body

can be bought with food, thanks for the charity! Then there was the UTB/TSC SGA version of "High School Musical," which was orchestrated by, no not the Wildcats, but the senate against the advisers, and now against President Ruby de la Fuente and the Scorpion Ambassadors. Yes, we can see that "we're all in this together."

SGA does *nothing* for the students other than not allowing them to forget that

UTB/TSC is much like a high school environmentwise. The immaturity from these individuals is ridiculous. I was invited to attend a meeting this summer and I regret going.

Luis Buentello and David Polin are by far the biggest hypocrites I've ever seen. They were reluctant to work with de la Fuente, arguing that they felt "cornered" and "threatened" by

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her and the administration when, in fact, they are cornering her because if they don't agree to vote, no one can be appointed to the senate. While this was occurring before my eyes, Castro utilized the typical "elementary diss" of coughing while loudly expressing that he thought de la Fuente's argument was "bull." Very classy. Then they tried to force Joe Lee Rubio to become vice president of administration. Really? Rubio, the same one who wishes to be on the [Texas Southmost College] board of trustees? Conflict of interest? Political agenda? Correct answer: All of the above!

"I have an agenda that is not to serve the students, but to look good in my résumé for absolutely no work" is your calling. You gentlemen look like fools. You are slowly discrediting yourselves by acting the way you do. You pretend like you care, but yet none of the resolutions passed in your first meeting were even written by you! Nathaniel has the nerve of saying he took an oath. When asked why he wanted to join SGA he said, "because it's cool!" Now he has the audacity of saying we are not good enough for him. Polin says the administration forgets that they are here to serve the students; how easy it is to forget that they have *humored* every request you had to the point that last year they did away with Sergio Martinez as adviser, just because you didn't like him.

As for *The Collegian* having a poll that asks if we are tired of SGA fighting: You should feel embarrassed that you go that low. If you feel like SGA is not representing you, then don't send your reporters to the meetings and ignore them.

My advice is to *disband SGA*. To all the followers of the "Erasmus Clan" I say to you, "*Get a life!*"

Julio Regalado
Junior government major

An open letter to the SGA
To the members of the Student Government Association, I would like to say this: Please work together. There are problems of trust between the two factions, but you must learn to overcome them. To [Ruby] de la Fuente, holding secret meetings prior to the start of classes and not inviting the press to these meetings does not give people a level of trust.

Also, trying to appoint someone who did not meet the qualifications to the post of [vice president of administration] also does not help. [John] Froozan is a good man and would have done a good job, but he was not eligible under the current SGA rules. Ms. de la Fuente, you are mistaken in your opinion about the right to interview a nominee. Every senator has the right to question any nominee before voting on that person.

To [David] Polin, [Nathaniel] Garcia and [Luis] Buentello, work with Ms. de la Fuente and Mr. Froozan to help better the student body as a whole. A suggestion to unjam the loggerhead of nominations: Ms. de la Fuente, appoint a committee made up of Mr. Polin, Mr. Froozan, Mr. Garcia and Mr. Buentello to review and interview all of the people now waiting to be appointed, and for all future applications. As you get more people in, change the makeup of the people and incorporate the diverse people that make up our wonderful campus.

David Smith
Junior history education major

SGA should represent all students
I have been reading about the battles that have been raging in the Student Government Association and am very disturbed and upset. The students of UTB/

TSC are ill served in having puppets of the administration representing them. The students of UTB/TSC deserve an SGA that will fight for their rights and make the students' voices be heard.

I have heard President [Ruby de la Fuente] speak and I feel in my heart that she cares only to side with and defend the wants and interests of the administration and has yet to show that her intentions are beneficial to the wants, needs and desires of the students here at UTB/TSC. Madame President is conveniently ignoring our constitution and making, along with administration, policy that serves only administration. I have proudly served alongside Nathaniel Garcia, Luis Buentello and David Polin and know that these gentlemen are not puppets of the administration and that they take their positions in the SGA very seriously. I have complete faith in them to look after the interests of all UTB/TSC students.

I would like to remind the president of her duties being that she has succumbed to the will of the powers that be. She took an oath to represent *all* UTB/TSC students and bring forth their concerns and ideas to administration, not to serve administration's self-interests, which would make administration and UTB/TSC look good in the eyes of UTB/TSC students and the community. If our voices continue to be muffled, we will hold all accountable. Reform, resign or be impeached: your call, Madame President.

Michael Orbin
Former senator at large
Student Government Association

Subtle implications?
Interesting that *The Collegian* used the word "blitzkrieg" [last] week. It is, in fact, exactly 70 years this month that the Germans did exactly this to Poland, after reneging on the agreement with Neville Chamberlain, prime minister of Great Britain.

But "blitzkrieg" has a different meaning for me. George, an old family friend from way back and a World War II vet, told me of the blitzkriegs and the aftermath of pillaging and atrocities that would then ensue; can parallels be drawn?

One also has to wonder if the Student Government Association has symbolically been treated in the same manner, as an agreement was also broken. So, is it just coincidence that *The Collegian* headline writer used this term, on the 70th anniversary of the breaking of Germany's promise to the world, or is there something more sinister going on?

John Froozan
Graduate student

We called it
Last semester, a Standard of Ethics and Conflict of Interest resolution was brought before the Student Government Association. The resolution passed unanimously and made reference to the interference of the administration in matters pertaining to Student Government that did not affect administration directly or indirectly. The administration canceling the freshman elections only solidifies our claim.

It goes to prove that the administration has no respect for our (the students') constitution and/or the SGA's right to function independent of the administration in order to be a true, transparent voice for the student body. The actions and comments of the administration's handpicked president coincide with that which has become the administration's agenda--control student government.

No one but the administration was

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Etiquette Tips

Here are some of Diane Gottsman’s specific points on proper etiquette, ranging from the general to the specific.

General

1. Approach your chair through right side and exit through the left.
2. Place your napkin on your lap only after the host does the same with his or her napkin.
3. If you invite someone to a meal, you pay and you tip!
4. On a date, the person that invited you is the host.
5. If you are the host, always pay with a debit/credit card. It looks cheap if you use money!
6. If you are the host, know the restaurant.
7. Touch nothing on the table until the host does.
8. As a guest, your role is to make the host happy.
9. The protocol of a toast is to honor someone.
10. The minute you start criticizing, you lose your power.
11. The spoon for your soup should rest in the back of the bowl.
12. If you don’t like something, you should say: “This looks great, but I will have to pass because I’m allergic.”
13. Never drink your tea with a fruit hanging on the rim.
14. Left-handed people have to reach their drink on the right side.
15. Wait until the salad or soup arrives before eating the bread or crackers.
16. Butter one piece of bread or one cracker at a time.
17. Purses go under the table, between your feet, not hanging on the chair.
18. Do not place keys, eyeglasses or cell phones on the table.
19. How often should you talk to the servers? Minimize conversation and thank them at the end of the meal.
20. Terrible service? Never skip the tip, you look cheap.
21. The smaller fork is for the salad, the larger fork is for the entrée.
22. You have one chance to move your entrée plate; the meat should be the closest food to you.
23. Cut one piece at a time.
24. If you are left-handed, you can reverse the resting and finished position.
25. Salt and pepper are married. Always pass them together.
26. Never salt food until you taste it.
27. Offer bread to the person to

- your left and right, after which you may take your piece. Then pass the bread basket to your right.
28. Don’t eat fast, but don’t eat slowly either.
29. If everyone is done, you are too.
30. Order smart: no spaghetti, spinach or sushi.
31. If someone has something in their teeth, tell them; they will appreciate it.
32. No smoking.
33. During a toast, the minute you hear your name, put down your glass.
34. Never clap for yourself.
35. Money doesn’t buy class. Money buys shoes.
36. Don’t touch your hair or face.
37. When someone walks toward you to greet you, stand up.
38. Elbows always off table.
39. Your hands should be at the table 65 percent of the time.
40. Always use your authentic smile: Show teeth and open your mouth.
41. Never use your hand to cover your mouth, even if you have braces.
42. Remember to make eye contact 40 percent to 60 percent of the time.
43. When leaving the table, your napkin goes on the chair.
44. Do not chew gum at the table.
45. Don’t put makeup on at the table.
46. Hugs go shoulder to shoulder, not sideways.

Business Dinner:

1. Don’t appear that hungry, you are not there to eat.
2. Men: Don’t help a woman with her chair.
3. Never share a plate, don’t ask for a taste or a doggy bag.
4. Never drink alcoholic beverages.
5. Cover tattoos. Men: Avoid facial hair or earrings.
6. Never reject a handshake.
7. Don’t drink from a straw at a business meal.
8. People do business with people they like.
9. Meet your guest at the lobby and let them walk in first.
10. “Hey” and “How’s it going” do not belong in business.
11. It’s not about being affectionate, it’s about being respectful.
12. Don’t greet someone with a hug and then say goodbye with a handshake. That will mean something went wrong.

Expert serves graciousness at luncheon

By Graciela L. Salazar

Spanish Editor

How many of you have had ever had an awkward moment at the dining table?

Perhaps it was when you had spinach in your teeth and no one told you.

Diane Gottsman, founder and owner of The Protocol School of Texas, posed that question to more than 100 students and staff during a presentation Aug. 28 in the Student Union’s Gran Salon.

Only three people in the audience raised their hand.

Gottsman, author of “Pearls of Polish: A Guide to Social & Business Etiquette,” said it’s important for students to learn proper etiquette.

“They have to present themselves in a positive light,” she said. “They’re going to be applying for jobs, they’re going to be interacting with clients down the road and they have to have some skills that are going to set them apart from their competitors, from the person next to them applying for the same job.”

The nationally known etiquette expert said first impressions are important.

“First impressions can ruin your reputation and they can ruin your career,” Gottsman said.

She said not knowing what to order when at an interview can make you look uncomfortable.

“When you look uncomfortable, the other person doesn’t understand why you’re fidgeting,” Gottsman said. “They either think you’re nervous, you’re not sure of yourself; maybe you don’t feel you’re capable of the job. You’re sending out all kinds of messages.”

Student Union Assistant Director Patricia Longoria said Gottsman was engaging.

“She didn’t just present information, it was really hands-on,” Longoria said. “Students felt they had a

real opportunity to ask questions and to be in a situation where they were able to apply the skills that she was teaching at that time.”

The Union administrator said she received positive comments from the audience.

“I think it was a great honor to have a nationally recognized professional in protocol and etiquette come to our campus,” Longoria said.

Senior psychology major Rosa Law said the luncheon was a great opportunity to learn proper dining etiquette.

“It’s important because you want to make a favorable impression,” Law said. “It isn’t about being pompous; it’s about presenting yourself in a way that shows you can be taken seriously.

Raul Castrejon, an exercise science senior and Scorpion Ambassador, said the luncheon was helpful because he learned hands-on.

“We had dinner with Diana Gottsman and she showed us with real food, step by step what to do in each of the [courses],” Castrejon said.

Longoria said there are plans to have Gottsman return next spring or fall to serve a larger group.

“Overall, the comments that we received from everybody were very, very positive comments and I think everybody

really enjoyed it,” she said.

At the end of the nearly two-hour presentation, Gottsman asked again, “So, how many of you have ever had an awkward moment at the dining table?” and this time nearly everyone in the audience raised their hand.

“Awkward moments happen to all of us,” she said. “We have two choices: We can either feel uncomfortable looking good, or we can feel uncomfortable looking awkward, and the choice is ours.”

The etiquette luncheon was organized by the Student Union in conjunction with the Scorpion Ambassadors.



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Dianne Gottsman, founder and owner of The Protocol School of Texas, shows junior international business major Timur Gareyev how to properly help a lady to her seat during a presentation Aug. 28 at the Student Union’s el Gran Salon.

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Campus might get H1N1 vaccines

By **Jacqueline Vasquez**
Staff Writer

UTB/TSC officials say the university might become a “point of distribution” for the H1N1 vaccine later this semester.

Student Health Services “has been registered with the Texas State Department of Health as a possible point of distribution for the H1N1 vaccine when it becomes available,” Eugenia Curet, director of Student Health Services, told *The Collegian* via e-mail on Thursday.

The vaccines are expected to be available in November, Curet wrote.

As of the end of July, more than 5,200 cases of the H1N1 virus, which causes swine flu, were confirmed in Texas, and of those, more than 1,800 were from Region 11, which includes the Rio Grande Valley, Corpus Christi and Laredo, state health officials say.

“Most of the first three months of the outbreak, about 60 percent of all the cases in Texas were in South Texas and then that gradually reduced as other places started seeing more activity,” said Dr. Brian Smith, regional medical director for the Texas Department of State Health Services, Health Service Region 11. “For Region 11, we have 19 deaths, but that includes Corpus Christi and Laredo.”

Barbara Adams, epidemiologist for Region 11, said 14 people living in Hidalgo and Cameron counties have died of the H1N1 virus.

“I think that’s a terrible thing because that’s not fair for people,” sophomore

biology major Cassie Moran said of the illness and subsequent deaths. “They’re getting sick and that’s like airborne, so you have to be really careful about that.”

Curet said there have been no outbreaks at UTB/TSC, but she recommends that students, especially those who live in The Village at Fort Brown, the university’s student housing complex, use universal precautions against the virus.

“People should wash their hands or use alcohol-based sanitizers [and] cough into their elbows,” she said.

Moran thought the H1N1 virus had “died out,” so she wasn’t taking any precautions; however, being a biology major, she is quite conscious about her health.

“I wash my hands every time I go to the restroom, just the basic stuff people usually do,” Moran said.

Douglas Stoves, director of Residential Life and Student Union, also recommends that students cover their coughs, wash their hands frequently and “just make sure that they are taking their own precautions to keep themselves safe.”

Stoves plans to get more sanitizers at The Village and keep keyboards and doorknobs clean. Although hand sanitizers are good, he said washing your hands with soap and water is more effective.

Don Vasquez, a junior mechanical engineering major, said he washes his hands about 15 times a day.

“There’s a lot of germs out there, you know, opening handles, doors,” Vasquez said.

Last May, the World Health Organization

raised the pandemic alert level for the swine flu to a 5. Although schools in the Brownsville Independent School District closed temporarily, the UTB/TSC campus remained open and students, faculty and staff were given the option of e-mailing a panel made up of university officials if they had any questions about the virus.

Smith said H1N1 is going to be part of the seasonal influenza investigation. Designated providers in hospitals inform a surveillance system, which was set in place in August, about any cases of influenza-like illnesses. The Department of State Health Services checks in on the system once a week during flu season.

“It gives us a general idea of an influenza activity in the area,” he said. “It allows us to identify what types of influenza viruses are circulating at any given time and some idea of their resistance patterns that we’re seeing.”

Curet explained that the H1N1 virus has been around for some time, but it has only just recently become prevalent among humans.

“Swine flu is a respiratory disease ... caused by type A influenza that causes regular outbreaks in pigs,” she said. “People do not normally get the swine flu but human infections do happen. The swine flu viruses are now spreading from person to person, but in the past this transmission was limited.”

Curet said symptoms include fever, coughing and respiratory problems.

“If a student has symptoms and they are here on campus, they should come by

Student Health Services so that we can at least examine them and provide whatever medications they might need if they have symptoms,” she said.

Smith advises that everyone should get vaccinated for the H1N1 virus and seasonal influenza, and highly recommends it for college students.

“Even though most people with H1N1 who are young are going to get over it without any complications, they do tend to transmit the virus, and so the only way to stop the transmission of the virus in the population is for that group to get vaccinated,” he said.

Smith added that although it is a good idea for everyone to get vaccinated, it is mostly recommended for people under age 25, pregnant women and persons with medical conditions.

If Student Health Services is approved as a distribution point for the H1N1 vaccine, it will have an adequate amount of vaccines for UTB/TSC students and employees, Curet said.

“In the event that the number of vaccines requested is not delivered in full, there are priority groups that need to be vaccinated first,” Curet told *The Collegian*.

She believes two injections will be required for the H1N1 virus and the price of the vaccine is unknown at this time.

“We don’t know exactly how much [the vaccine is] going to cost, but it’s going to be affordable for most people,” Curet said.

Stoves added, “We’ve been involved

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'Scopes

By **Michael Peña**
Staff Writer

Aries (March 21-April 19): You’re feeling the heat; whether it’s your schoolwork or the feelings of a loved one you need to cool down. Find time this week to take a dip in the pool, jump into a bowl of ice cream or hit the beach.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): This week you will be filled with passion. How you express these emotions is totally up to you, but be careful because revealing too much affection may cause others to think of you the wrong way.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Now is your time. There is a decision you have been trying to make and this week will prove to be the right moment. All of your hard work and dedication will finally pay off. In the end, the feeling of accomplishment will fill that missing void you have been feeling lately.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): There may have been some confusion at work, but the dust is finally settling. Clean yourself off and get back to work. You may find it wise to steer clear of those who slack off at work and just make sure you stay on track because our economy is still shaky and you don’t want to find yourself out of a job.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23): Anger can be directed in the wrong direction or the wrong person. Just remember to keep a cool head in the heat of the moment because you don’t want to hurt the ones you love since you may need their help later in the week.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22): Stay out of the line of fire this week. Do not get caught up in a confrontation that is not yours; instead, stay neutral and this will

prove to be beneficial to you. If you do choose a side, be warned that the battle may end, but the war will be far from over.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): This is your week of chance and risk. Let your imagination and creativity run wild with things to do and try. Step out of the box and experience life with a carefree attitude because tomorrow is never guaranteed.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Learning to relax is a great skill to master. You have been overworking yourself and deserve a break. Take the time to go out and breathe in some fresh air, enjoy the company of others or stay home. Relaxation will prove to be the cure you have been looking for all along.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Lady Luck is by your side. You have been waiting to do something all year long but too afraid to attempt it. Now go out there and show others that you are the person who is capable of anything.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Money is your biggest weakness this week, whether you lend too much of it or are in debt to many people. Learn to save your cash and spend wisely because money may prove to be your downfall.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19): Many challenges lie ahead, so tread carefully. Remember to consider each course of action because every step you make could end up being your last. But never doubt your skill and knowledge, as these are the weapons you will be using for every challenge.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20): The week ahead is a time for reflection. Use this time to remember all the things you have done and see if they have helped you somehow or just slowed your progression.

Cupid's Corner



ELIZABETH A. PEREZ/COLLEGIAN

Name: Carlos Arizpe
Age: 23
Classification: Senior
Major: Business administration
Zodiac sign: Sagittarius
What is your favorite food? “Tacos *de deshebrada*, or *barbacoa*, or I don’t know. It’s a mixture of any type of Mexican food.”
Would you like to live in another country? **Why?** “Yeah, maybe so. Maybe in Spain or China. I like their culture.”
Do you still talk to your ex-girlfriends? **Why or why not?** “Yeah, I do. Whenever I finish with a relationship, I try to finish it in good terms and be friends with her.”
What do you look for in the opposite sex? “A good personality, intelligent, not too

uptight. That’s about it.”
What is the first thing you notice about a person you are attracted to? “Probably their eyes. I look at their face first.”
What are you scared of? “Probably failing my classes or not meeting the expectations of other people who I know.”
What are your weaknesses? “I would say I am kind of lazy sometimes and maybe a bit of a procrastinator.”
What are your hobbies? “I read, I go to the gym, hang out with friends, go out, parties. That’s about it.”
What type of music do you listen to? “Rock, alternative, pop. Sometimes industrial if I’m feeling crazy.”
Describe yourself in three words. “Honest, hard-working, integrity.”
What is one thing you wish you could change about yourself? “I guess this is kind of contradicting myself, but I can sometimes be lazy or I wait ’til the last minute to do an assignment.”
What’s the best age to get married? Why? “Thirty, because by then you should already be working in what you want to do.”
Do you prefer brains or beauty? “A mixture of both.”
Do you prefer blond, red head or brunette? Why? “Brunettes, because they look more alive.”
Would you go on a blind date? Why? “Yes, because it might be fun.”
What movie do you watch over and over? “‘The Count of Monte Cristo’ and ‘The Patriot.’”
Free Association Quiz:
Night life: “Party”
Sports: “Soccer”
Tattoos: “Cool”
Piercing: “Hurt”
Love: “Hate”
Death: “The end”

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1,000 get ‘Crushed’ in Welcome Week finale

By Deidre Chaisson
Staff Writer

After attending classes for a week, more than 1,000 students put their books and worries aside and made a beeline to the REK Center for food, entertainment and live music.

Students gathered at the center for Orange Crush, the final event of Welcome Week, to hear live music from Christian rock bands EVERGR33N and We Light the Night, eat popcorn and pepperoni, ham and sausage pizza, drink orange Fanta and Vitamin Water and watch the animated movie “Up” by the pool.

Laurie Braden, director of the Recreation, Education and Kinesiology Center, said 1,143 wristbands were issued to students who entered the facility for the event, which ran from 8 p.m. to midnight Aug. 28. But, she believes hundreds more attended events held outside the center.

The band EVERGR33N performed first and got the crowd going. We Light The Night ended the night, rocking their hearts out with so much energy that the crowd screamed, clapped and danced.

Having new classes and a new schedule can be stressful for students, so Orange Crush gave them the opportunity to relax and have a good time.

“The purpose of Orange Crush is to help students feel welcome here on campus, even though they have new classes,



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EVERGR33N guitarist Moises Serrato (left) and bassist Adrian Martinez jam out Aug. 28 during Orange Crush, the last event of Welcome Week.

new locations, changes to schedules, changes to routine, surprises in their classes,” said Mari Fuentes-Martin, associate vice president for Student Affairs and dean of students. “We hope that after Orange Crush they will have realized that there’s also things to do outside of class, which makes this a complete college experience, and I think Orange Crush is

icing on the cake, a nice finale for the first week of school.”

Orange Crush could become a repeat event at the newly opened REK Center.

“We hope this is the beginning of a tradition,” Braden said.

The brand-new building has three basketball courts, a swimming pool, a track and other exercise equipment that students can use.

“It’s been a phenomenal week for the REK Center but also for all the campus,” Braden said. “REK certainly hopes to be an integral part in future events for Welcome Week. ... We plan to have different events. What they’re going to be named and when they will be we can’t say specifically now, but we definitely want to continue this as tradition.”

Students said they enjoyed Orange Crush.

“I expected a lot of fun, which it was, and I’m already starting to lose my voice,” said Mike Flores, a sophomore criminal justice major. “The fraternity Mu Alpha Nu, we were manning the bouncers. We had the slides and the Twister. A lot of people showed up. We got a crowd around the bouncers. We just got the energy level really high, and it turned out to be fun and the bands are doing awesome.”

Sophomore Vanessa Beltran called Orange Crush an “awesome experience.”

“I wanted to come here to have clean fun and it turned out really, really good,” said Beltran, who participated in dodge ball and the basketball three-point shootout.



Sophomore computer information systems majors Anthony Vega (left) and Eduardo Jimenez duke it out during Orange Crush.



Freshman biology major Lauren Rocha (left) and freshman nursing major Martha Morales joust in one of the events at Orange Crush.



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Members of the Sigma Psi Delta Sorority include (from left) Marcella Peña, Historian Angie Blankenship, Treasurer Monica Quezada, Vice President Elisa Niño, Secretary Cassandra Hernandez and President Peggy Sue Reyna.

Club spotlight

Name: Sigma Psi Delta Sorority

Purpose: To promote sisterhood and community service as well as bring unity among women to the UTB/TSC campus.

Established: 1996

President: Peggy Sue Reyna

Vice President: Elisa Niño

Secretary: Cassandra Hernandez

Treasurer: Monica Quezada

Historian: Angie Marie Blankenship

Sponsor: Franchiesca Matus

Events: Community service, fundraising and social activities are of great importance to the sorority foundation.

Sigma Psi Delta holds dinners and social events for their sorority sisters, including an annual scavenger hunt, National Compliment Day and National Pie Day. The sorority also participates in UTB/TSC’s Join-A-Club Day, Greek Days, Halloween Extravaganza, Monster Mash, Posada/Pastorela, Orange Crush, Fiesta del Paseo and the Bougainvillea Ball.

Awards: Organization of the Year, 2005, 2007 and 2008; Scorpion Circle, 2007, 2008 and 2009; Community Service Award,

2008; Monster Mash first-place winner, 2008, and second-place winner, 2009; Super Bowl Bash winners.

Community Service: Volunteering for the American Heart Association, Arts & Entertainment Season events, Distinguished Lecture Series, Hand Print Project, Women’s History Month, Palo Alto Memorial, University Interscholastic League events, Adopt-a-Highway, Vestido de Rojo, Kid’s Day at the Zoo, Boo at the Zoo, Brownsville Children Museum and Student Life Volunteer.

Meetings: 5 p.m. Sundays in the Gorgas Hall boardroom (for members only).

Requirements: Must be a female college student with a 2.5 grade-point average or higher. Completion of other membership requirements will be specified at the first meeting. Must have a positive attitude.

For more information: Access the sorority’s Web site at <http://orange.utb.edu/sigmapsidelta/> or send an e-mail to Angie Blankenship at angie.blankenship41@utb.edu.

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Student Life, Student Development become one

By Mayra Urteaga
Staff Writer

Student Life and Student Development have merged into one department directed by Sergio Martinez.

“There were several organizational changes,” said Vince Solis, assistant vice president for Student Development. “Basically, what it is, is combining areas to maximize strengths, combining Student Development and Student Life to maximize the resources there.”

Martinez previously worked as coordinator for Student Development, supervising the Leadership and Mentorship Program (LAMP), the Student Government Association and the Scorpion Ambassadors.

In an interview with *The Collegian*, Martinez said his priority is development of student organizations.

“I want our office to be partners with them and their initiatives,” he said, “and also see us as their consultants so they can ask about proper ways to handle their constitution, how to mediate conflict, how to improve their own leadership skills.”

He wants to help organizations successfully transition from one year to the next by setting appropriate mission statements, setting strategic goals and objectives and creating a strong organization culture. To encourage this, Student Life will host a Student Organization Leadership Training Conference from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the Student Union’s



Sergio Martinez

Gran Salon.

One of Martinez’s responsibilities is to match the academic mission to the missions of the clubs and ensure they have adequate protocols and

direction to continue growing.

Another priority is planning good events for students. The department wants to continue with such traditional events as Halloween Extravaganza, but also add new events that will enhance the student experience.

Among the new events Martinez wants to incorporate in programming is a two-week hunt game of zombies chasing humans, a Casino Night, a Halo 4 Tournament and the Read to Lead program.

“I am bringing this new game called Human vs. Zombies, kind of a cool game of tag where you have a group of students and they are all humans and then there is this one zombie and it changes them by touching them,” he said. “We want to help students feel some relief from stress and feel like they are more involved in campus.”

The department is organizing some of the events through partnerships with other organizations and departments, including the Scorpion Mixed Martial Arts club and

Student Health Services to promote security and anti-assault awareness with martial arts.

Students Taking Active Responsibilities (STAR) is one of two new programs of the department that will connect students to the emerging volunteer opportunities in the community.

“We have the beach cleanup coming up on the 26th, so we are looking forward to support that,” Martinez said.

The Freshman Leadership Experience Program will train 50 students throughout the semester to help them develop leadership skills and encourage them to start their own organization or become a member of an existing one.

He wants to tie the events they organize with what faculty is teaching in the classrooms.

“We are also looking to partnering up with faculty, some of their initiatives, whether it’s for a movie or an event they are having,” Martinez said.

He said learning the student organizations’ needs are his biggest challenge.

“Getting a feeling of what the students needs are, what the needs of the faculty are, the staff, and tying that all in with the mission of the institution,” Martinez said.

He holds a bachelor of business administration degree in management and a master’s in business administration, both from UTB/TSC.

Martinez will earn \$58,000 annually.

He succeeds David Mariscal, who now

serves as a coordinator for Student Judicial Affairs.

Mariscal returned to the position he originally had when he came to UTB/TSC because of the growing needs of the dean of students office and his past experience in handling discipline, student crises and the drug and alcohol task force, said Mari Fuentes-Martin, associate vice president for Student Affairs and dean of students.

“We have had so much activity in our office in the last few years that we had a real need to increase staff, and so we have asked David to return to the office as coordinator for Student Judicial Affairs,” Fuentes-Martin said.

His responsibilities will include handling student grievances, taking the lead on the drug and alcohol task force, and responding to student accidents, as well as programming activities like Welcome Week.

“When we had our accreditation visit, we were required to have a process for student grievances, which is for academic appeals, academic issues and non-academic issues, and the process has been a little time consuming,” Fuentes-Martin said. “In the past year, we had about 80 incidents, and between me and our other judicial coordinator, it was just one of the new responsibilities that became a little bit overwhelming.”

Solis said, “It’s just a matter of putting people where their strengths are at and being able to offset some of the work we have.”

Chess coach resigns, returns to Argentina

By Cleiri Quezada
Staff Writer

After three years at UTB/TSC, Chess Coach Gilberto Hernandez has resigned to move back to Argentina to be with his wife and four children.

Thursday was the last day for Hernandez at UTB/TSC.

“For family reasons, I need to go back,” he told *The Collegian*. “I want to say thank you to everybody here. I feel very good, I had a good time here.”

Chess Program Director Russell Harwood credits Hernandez for the growth of the team and understands his decision to leave.

“When he got here, we’d never even been to a Pan American Intercollegiate tournament before,” Harwood said. “We’ve improved every year.”

A search for Hernandez’s successor will start as soon as possible, he said.

“Were obviously going to start the search for a new coach pretty quick,” Harwood said. “The timing is a little difficult since

it’s the start of the semester, but I totally understand his reasons for leaving.”

He said Hernandez, a grand master, contributed greatly to the success of the chess team.

“Two of our players became a grand master while attending UTB, which is really, really hard to do because school has to come first,” Harwood said. “We have gotten bigger and stronger and he was a coach for all that time, so he definitely deserves much of the credit for that.”

Last spring, the team competed in the Pan American Intercollegiate Championships, qualifying for the 2009 President’s Cup: Final 4 of College Chess, where it placed third.

Harwood hopes that Hernandez’s absence doesn’t affect the team’s performance too greatly this semester, but has formed a strategy to overcome the odds.

“It will affect us a little bit, hopefully, not a lot,” Harwood said. “Our team is the strongest it’s ever been, so we’re going to form study groups and have them train

amongst themselves for a while, and then maybe use three of our grand masters, so we might have them work with some of the students who aren’t quite as strong.”

Harwood said team members will miss Hernandez.

“They’re all sad that he’s leaving but they all understand the reason,” he said. “They’ve all told him the same thing, ‘Your family comes first,’ and so they’re mature enough to understand, they’re not looking at it selfishly.”

Harwood has recruited one new chess player, Julia Jones, a freshman from Denton, Texas.

Two former team members are returning to UTB/TSC.

International business major Axel Bachmann, who previously played for UTB/TSC and earned GM status in November 2008, is back after playing professionally throughout Europe.

“I came back mainly to finish my degree; besides, I like playing with the team here,” Bachmann said.

Harwood is thrilled to have Bachmann back on the team and has set high standards for him. He said Bachmann did not leave because he was unhappy, but rather for the experience.

“He had a brother in Germany, and so he [chose to play] professionally for a year there,” Harwood said.

Also returning is Timur Gareyev, who left for a couple of years to travel, as well.

Like Bachmann, Gareyev is a grand master.

Engineering major Mauricio Flores, who graduated from Chile last December, joined the team in January.

“Most of the people that play have been doing it since they were very young,” said Flores, who has been playing only since age 8.

Flores has met all the requirements to attain the title of grand master and will be recognized in mid-October.

“Until the World Chess Federation

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Guía para estudiantes de primer año

Por **René Cardona Jr.**
Reportero

El Centro de Éxito Estudiantil (Student Success Center) creó un programa para ayudar a los estudiantes de primer año a acostumbrarse a su nueva vida universitaria.

La iniciativa *First Year Scorpion Guide* fue iniciada el año pasado por Hilda Silva, vice-rectora para Asuntos Académicos, con la intención de incrementar la retención de estudiantes en UTB/TSC. Silva le otorgó la responsabilidad al Centro de Éxito Estudiantil, dijo Thelma Sullivan,



Reanna Aguilar

directora asistente de Consejería. “Ayudo al estudiante en la transición de la preparatoria a la universidad. Hay muchos elementos que hacen que un estudiante sea exitoso en la universidad”, dijo Reanna Aguilar, quien forma parte de la iniciativa *First Year Scorpion Guide*.

Aguilar ayudará a estudiantes de primer año informándoles de los recursos que hay en el campus, proporcionando guías para sobresalir y guiando a estudiantes en la transición de preparatoria a universidad.

“[UTB/TSC] está enfocándose en los estudiantes de primer año

y los ayuda a acostumbrarse a la universidad para ayudar a retenerlos”, dijo Aguilar. “No quieres tener a un estudiante caminando por todas partes sintiéndose perdido la mayoría del tiempo”.

Si tú eres un estudiante de primer año y necesitas ayuda administrando tu tiempo, la ansiedad, encontrando recursos en el campus, o para hablar con un profesor, Aguilar te puede ayudar.

“La meta final es ayudar a que el estudiante permanezca en la escuela y evitar tropiezos para los estudiantes de primer año”, dijo Sullivan.

Renee Wasserman, estudiante de negocios de primer año, enfrentó dificultades al tratar de conseguir

los precios para el plan de comida de estudiantes.

“Tuve que hablar en 10 distintas oficinas solo para saber los precios”, dijo Wasserman. “Tener a alguien que te ayude en el proceso ayuda mucho”.

Esmeralda Gonzalez, estudiante de educación bilingüe, también cree que los estudiantes de primer año a veces necesitan ayuda.

“Muchos estudiantes de primer año llegan sin saber que hacer o que licenciatura estudiar”, dijo Gonzalez. “Necesitan a alguien que los guíe por el camino correcto”.

Los estudiantes de primer año que necesitan ayuda pueden ir al edificio Cárdenas Norte, cuarto 103-K, o llamar al 882-8292 y preguntar por Aguilar.

Experta da consejos de protocolo en UTB/TSC

Por **Graciela L. Salazar**
Editora de Español

Aquí están algunos consejos que Diane Gottsman, dueña y fundadora de La Escuela de Protocolo de Texas (The Protocol School of Texas) le presento a estudiantes y empleados de UTB/TSC el pasado 28 de agosto en el Gran Salón del edificio Unión Estudiantil.

Generales

1. Entra por el lado derecho a tu silla y sal por el izquierdo.
2. Extiende la servilleta en el muslo de tu pierna después de que el anfitrión haga lo mismo con la suya.
3. Si invitas a alguien a una comida, tú pagas y das la propina.
4. En una cita, la persona que te invita es el anfitrión.
5. Si tú eres el anfitrión, siempre paga con una tarjeta de débito/crédito. Te ves tacaño cuando utilizas efectivo.
6. Si tú eres el anfitrión, conoce el restaurante.
7. No toques nada en la mesa hasta que el anfitrión lo haga.
8. El protocolo de un brindis es homenajear a alguien.
9. El momento en el que empiezas a criticar, pierdes tu credibilidad.
10. La cuchara de tu sopa debe de descansar atrás de la vasija.
11. Si no te gusta algo, debes de decir: “Esto se ve riquísimo, pero tendré que dejarlo porque soy alérgica”.
12. Nunca bebas el té con una fruta colgando al borde del vaso o copa.
13. Los zurdos deben alcanzar su bebida del lado derecho.
14. Espera hasta que llegue la ensalada o sopa para tomar el pan o las galletas.
15. Las bolsas van debajo de la mesa, entre tus

- piernas, no colgadas en el respaldo de la silla.
16. No pongas llaves, lentes o celulares en la mesa.
17. ¿Qué tan seguido debes de hablar con los meseros? Minimiza la conversación y agrádeceles al final de la comida.
18. ¿Terrible servicio? Siempre deja propina, te ves tacaño si no lo haces.
19. El tenedor más chico es para la ensalada, el más grande es para el platillo fuerte.
20. Tienes una oportunidad para mover tu platillo, la carne debe de estar más cerca de ti.
21. Mientras comes, corta un pedazo solamente.
22. Si eres zurdo, puedes intercambiar las posiciones de descanso y terminar.
23. La sal y pimienta están casadas. Siempre pásalas juntas.
24. Nunca condimentes la comida hasta que la pruebes.
25. Ofrece pan a la persona que está a tu izquierda y derecha, después toma tu pedazo.

Posteriormente, pasa la canasta de pan a tu derecha.



Diane Gottsman

26. No comas rápido, pero tampoco lento.
27. Si todos terminaron de comer, tú también terminaste.
28. No fumes.
29. Durante un brindis, si escuchas tu nombre, baja el vaso.
30. Jamás te aplaudas a ti mismo.
31. El dinero no compra la clase. El dinero compra zapatos.
32. No toques tu cara ni cabello.
33. Si alguien se acerca a saludarte, levántate.
34. Los codos no van en la mesa.
35. Tus manos deben de estar en la mesa un 65 por ciento del tiempo.
36. Siempre usa tu sonrisa auténtica: enseña los dientes y abre la boca.
37. Nunca utilices tu mano para cubrir tu boca, aunque tengas frenos.

38. Recuerda hacer contacto visual de 40 a 60 por ciento del tiempo.
39. Cuando abandones la mesa, tu servilleta permanece en la silla.
40. No mastiques chicle en la mesa.
41. No te pongas maquillaje en la mesa.
42. Los abrazos son de hombro a hombro, no de lado.

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4. Jamás consumas bebidas alcohólicas.
5. Esconde los tatuajes. Hombres: Eviten el vello facial o aretes.
6. Jamás rechaces un saludo de mano.
7. No tomes de un popote.
8. La gente hace negocios con gente que le cae bien.
9. Reúnete con tu cliente en el vestíbulo y permítele caminar delante de ti.
10. “Que onda” no pertenece a los negocios.
11. No se trata de ser cariñoso, sino de ser respetuoso.
12. Evita saludar a alguien con un abrazo y despedirte con un saludo de mano. Eso quiere decir que algo no salió bien.

Determinado a lograrlo

Cadete ROTC Elias Guerra practica un ejercicio en la cuerda el 31 de agosto en el césped del edificio Unión Estudiantil. Guerra es ayudado por el Sargento Juan Aguilar (izquierda) y el Coronel Fernando Reyna.



CYNTHIA HERNÁNDEZ/COLLEGIAN

Estudiante de hoy



MANNY REYNA/COLLEGIAN

Nombre: Kesia Martínez
Edad: 20 años
Ciudad Natal: Harlingen
Promedio: 3.5
Especialidad: Educación bilingüe
Clasificación: Estudiante de último año
Fecha de graduación: Mayo 2010

Reconocimientos: Lista de la Rectora, Verano I 2008; Lista del Decano: Primavera 2007, Primavera 2008, Otoño 2008, y Primavera 2009.

Pasatiempos: “Vertelevisión, dormir, jugar videojuegos y salir con mis amigos”.

Actividades extracurriculares: Secretaria de la Asociación de Liderazgo para Estudiantes Bilingües (*Bilingual Student Leadership Association*).

¿Cuál sería tu trabajo ideal? “Trabajar como maestra”.

¿Cuáles son tus metas? “Graduarme [en el] 2010, empezar mi maestría y, al mismo tiempo, estar ya trabajando como maestra”.

¿Cuál ha sido tu reto más grande? “Mi reto más grande fue haber presentado una conferencia enfrente de varios estudiantes, para mí fue un gran reto y también haber tomado seis clases en un semestre”.

¿Qué te gusta de la universidad? “Los maestros son muy accesibles, las clases a veces son pequeñas, hay más atención para los estudiantes, y también los edificios están bien decorados y bonitos”.

¿Qué les aconsejarías a los estudiantes de nuevo ingreso? “Que no falten a clase [y] que estudien... con tiempo”.

¿Qué consejo les darías a los estudiantes para estudiar antes de un examen? “Que lean las notas del maestro porque casi siempre, es lo que más viene y si él dice que viene cierta parte del libro, pues léanla porque lo más probable es que venga en el examen”.

--Recopilado por Mayra Urteaga

Power of Two’s success leads to expansion

By **Rene Cardona Jr.**
Staff Writer

UTB/TSC has expanded the pilot Power of Two program, increasing its budget to add more linked courses.

Last spring semester, the university linked a Biology Concepts II section (BIOL 1309) and the corresponding lab (BIOL 1109) to the Composition II (ENGL 1302) under the Quality Enhancement Plan’s Power of Two pilot program, with a budget of \$70,000. A total of 12 students participated in the pilot.

This fall semester, that budget has grown to \$120,000 to accommodate more courses and pay faculty members a bonus for participating in the program. The number of students in the program this semester was not available as of press time Friday.

“Much of that money goes to the Center for Teaching and Learning,” said Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Ethel Cantu. “The Center for Teaching and Learning sponsored a two-week summer institute and that’s where faculty learned how to develop the integration and also learned about assessment and also how to incorporate technology into the courses. The faculty [is] paid a stipend to develop integration and then they are also paid a stipend to teach the course for the first time.”

Under the QEP, one section of United States to 1877 (HIST 1301) is linked to three sections of Composition I; a section each of BIOL 1308 and BIOL 1108 are both linked to a respective section of Composition I. Cantu said that these courses are at full capacity with 150 students enrolled.

In the linkage between United States to 1877 and Composition I, students are reading “Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave” in the history class and writing their own personal narrative in the composition class.

Freshman nursing major Marie Liendo said she was advised to take the Power of Two course. Liendo said she likes it better than a regular course and that she grasps the subject matter better.

“They told me it would benefit me and, so far, it is,” she said. “I enjoy both of them. I just feel they explain a lot more than a regular class would.”

Alejandra Perez, a freshman early childhood education major, agrees the interaction is beneficial.

“Since I’m really bad at writing, interacting helps me get feedback from other people to see what I am doing wrong,” Perez said.

Additional advantages arise when students taking the Composition I course are in the same history course.

“This class has the additional benefit that [students] bond and form study groups because they’re all in these classes together and they can discuss what is in the two classes,” said Susan Mills, an assistant master technical instructor in the English Department. “Besides the material supporting each other, we hope that the students also support each other.”

Beyond the QEP Power of Two courses, UTB/TSC is piloting integrated Title V learning communities this fall semester. The Title V linkage is aimed to help students who are planning to major in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. UTB/TSC offered one of these communities this fall, consisting of General Chemistry I (CHEM 1311), General Biology I (BIOL 1306), their respective labs (CHEM 1111) and (BIOL 1106), Composition I and Applied Communication, but enrollment was lower than expected.

“We had hoped to get 30 students in that, but we only have 11,” Cantu said. “And we think the reason for that is that by the time students are into [their] chemistry and biology courses, they already have credit for Composition I. What we’ll probably do in the future is create the simple pairings where it’s just speech with one of those courses or like the QEP model, where it’s just with one other course. We usually end up being more successful that way.”

Cohort learning communities are also being piloted this semester. The department chairs decided to try these “course communities” based on a particular major.

Unlike the QEP courses, these cohort and Title V learning communities are not integrated, meaning students are taking a certain set of classes concurrently and the professors do not collaborate with one another.

Cantu said the simple pairings of the cohort learning communities, such as the Criminal Justice Learning Community and the Education Learning Community, “did very well” in terms of enrollment. Other communities



ELIZABETH A. PEREZ/COLLEGIAN

Assistant Master Technical Instructor Susan Mills assists sophomore biology major Annaie Martinez on her personal narrative assignment.

weren’t as successful, such as the Engineering Learning Community and the Computer Science Learning Community, which had low enrollment figures.

“Where we tried to include a composition course or a math course ... with computer science and engineering [courses], those ended up running into the same difficulty that the Title V does,” Cantu said. “It’s hard to put together a more complex set of classes and have 30 students [who] need to take that array of classes.”

Despite low enrollment for some of the communities, enrollment is higher than expected when including enrollment for all the Power of Two learning communities offered this semester. Also, initial problems, such as scheduling and organizational challenges professors encountered last spring, are no longer an issue.

The effectiveness of the program has not been determined yet. However, this semester students in the Power of Two

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First-year guide for first-year students

By **Rene Cardona Jr.**
Staff Writer

The Student Success Center recently created a new position to help first-year students get situated in their new college lifestyles by aiding them with problems typically encountered during the first year of college.

The initiative for the First Year Scorpion Guide was begun last fall by Vice President for Student Affairs Hilda Silva in order to improve retention. Silva gave that responsibility to the Student Success Center, said Thelma Sullivan, assistant director of Counseling.

“I help transition the high school student to becoming a college student, as there are many different elements to becoming a successful college student,” said First Year Scorpion Guide Reanna Aguilar.

Aguilar will help first-year students by introducing and



Reanna Aguilar

informing them about campus resources, providing college survival success tools and guiding students in the transition from high school to college.

“[UTB/TSC] is moving towards focusing on the first-year student and helping them get acquainted with the university to help with retention as well,” Aguilar said. “You don’t want a student walking around lost and feeling like that the whole time they are here.”

If you are a first-year student needing help with time management, dealing with anxiety, finding campus resources, talking to a professor, or taking hold of newly found independence, Aguilar can help.

“The ultimate goal is to help the student remain in school

and avoid all the pitfalls for the first-year student,” Sullivan said.

Renee Wasserman, a freshman business major, encountered a problem when trying to find the prices for a student meal plan.

“I had to talk to 10 different offices just to figure out how to find the prices for it,” Wasserman said. “Having someone there to help you through, it really helps.”

Esmeralda Gonzalez, a sophomore bilingual generalist major, agrees freshmen sometimes need help.

“Most freshmen come in not knowing what to do or what degree [program] to study,” Gonzalez said. “They need someone to guide them the right way.”

First-year students needing a helping hand can go to the Cardenas Hall North Annex, room 103-K, or call 882-8292 and ask for Aguilar. Walk-ins are welcome and appointments can be set up as well.


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Men’s soccer downs Celts 2-0

By **Hugo E. Rodríguez**
Sports Editor

The UTB/TSC Men’s Soccer Team shut out the University of St. Thomas Celts 2-0 Thursday night on the Recreation, Education and Kinesiology Center field.

The Celts began the game with the upper hand, their speed surprising an ordinarily fast Scorpion team and causing some disarray in the back. It took them awhile, but the Scorpions regained their bearing and with 10 minutes left in the first half, defender Omar Apodaca kicked a powerful shot that bounced high above the Celts midfield and defense, allowing forward Juan Nava to speed up, intercept the ball and easily defeat the goalie.

Halftime came and went, but the death knell

for the Celts had sounded, and the fouls called on the Celts increased.

Fifteen minutes into the second half, one of those fouls led to a penalty kick. Attacking midfielder Evans Frimpong took the kick and shot into the goalie’s left side for the 2-0.

Overall, the Celts picked up four yellow cards and a red card.

The win puts the Scorpions at 2-0 for the season and the Celts at 1-1-1.

“Very happy tonight, I think it was much better than the first two games,” said Head Coach Dan Balaguero. “We started a bit slow, which was a concern, but then the guys figured it out and we moved the ball really



ELIZABETH A. PEREZ/COLLEGIAN

Attacking midfielder Evans Frimpong fights off a University of St. Thomas player during a game Thursday night.

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Athlete of the Week



COURTESY PHOTO

Scorpions snare Border Bandits

By **Hugo E. Rodríguez**
Sports Editor

In its final preseason game, the UTB/TSC Women’s Soccer Team defeated the McAllen Border Bandits Soccer Club Saturday night on the Recreation, Kinesiology and Education Center field.

The game started with both sides facing each other, probing each other’s defense to try and find weaknesses. Eighteen minutes in, the opponents’ weakness was revealed to the Scorpions: speed. Whether it was the defenders or the attackers, the Scorpions easily outpaced a young McAllen team that could only attempt to catch up.

Seventeen minutes into the first half, attacking midfielder Linette Cuvillier opened up the score for the Scorpions when one of her shots went over the goalie’s head and straight into net. Two minutes later, midfielder Helen Wagstaff let loose one of her trademark cannonballs straight into the goalie’s body. Although the goalie caught the ball, it seemed the ball had other plans, as it wrenched itself from the goalie’s hands and into goal.

About six minutes later, the Bandits struck against the Scorpions in a long-range shot from the right side of the box that



MICHAEL PEÑA/COLLEGIAN

Midfielder Theresa Berman head-butts the ball during an exhibition game against the McAllen Border Bandits on the Recreation, Education and Kinesiology Center field Aug. 29. The Scorpions won 5-1.

surprised goalkeeper Stephanie Reid by lodging itself on the unguarded left side of the net.

Halftime came and went, and for nearly a half an hour of the second half, tough battles in midfield and near the goal made people think that this was going to be a closer game than everyone originally thought.

But Scorpion forward Verena Wonsikowski took the air straight out of the Bandits’ sails in a charge going from the right to the center of the Bandits’ box and scored the

third goal.

The Scorpions dominated for the rest of the encounter, but they just weren’t done yet.

With three minutes left in the game, Cuvillier once again scored, easily breezing past a defense whose heart had left after Wonsikowski scored.

And with only 20 seconds left in the game, in a scramble at the Bandits’ net, defender Jodie Hunter simply nudged it in for the 5-1.

The fans’ reaction at halftime was easily summed up in two loud

words yelled by senior exercise science major Charity Cavazos, junior mechanical engineering major Jorge Gonzalez, freshman ultrasound technology major Abraham Aldama and senior biology major Brenda Escobedo: “It’s awesome!”

Defender Nicole Sereda, who was partly responsible for foiling Bandit attack after Bandit attack thought the team “played really well today.”

“We played well as a team and we matched the score, which is good, we got the win,” Sereda said.

Hunter credited the team’s practices for the success on the field.

“We worked on a few set plays during practice and we used them, and obviously it’s effective,” she said.

Coach Nik Barjaktarevic believes there is still room for improvement.

“[I’m] really happy with the win, but not really happy with the team performance,” Barjaktarevic said. “It was their last scrimmage and we still have quite a bit of things to work on, but at least we did it in a kind of realistic setting today.”

Name: Daianarah Bracero
Sport: Volleyball
Position: Setter
Classification: Senior
Major: Kinesiology
Hometown: Sabana Grande, Puerto Rico
What brought you to UTB/TSC? “I was in Miami for two years and after that, the coach that was here, Bruce [Atkinson,] saw me playing in nationals and asked me if I wanted to come here with a full ride, full scholarship, and I came here.”
Most memorable moment playing a sport: “When we finished second in nationals in Miami.”
Most influential people in your life: “My parents.”
Career: “Coach and Spanish teacher.”
Favorite band or artist: “Daddy Yankee.”
Favorite movie: “Hardball.”
Word/Phrase you use the most: “¡Vamos, chicas!”
If you had a million dollars, what would you do: “I would travel everywhere.”
Weaknesses: “Class presentations.”
IHOP or Denny’s? “Denny’s.”
Sunrise or sunset? “Sunset.”
Spring or Fall? “Fall.”
Hip-hop or rock? “Hip-hop.”
--Compiled by Hugo E. Rodríguez

Volley

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Touchet said she was “excited to come here, especially because they’re a Division I school.”

“It’s good to have support from everybody and it’s good to have the win,” she said.

Head Coach Todd Lowery said team members played well together.

“We’re starting to come together, starting to get used to playing each other,” Lowery said. “I think [in] the [Aug. 28] loss against Georgetown [College], the ball just kept coming back at us ... and we kind of panicked and we saw the same play tonight, and we didn’t panic tonight, we just stayed in system, kept taking big swings, and eventually got to them.”

Asked how he felt about playing a Division I opponent, Lowery replied, “Any time you can get a Division I team to play



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Members of the volleyball team embrace each other after scoring a point in Game 3 against the University of Texas-Pan American. The Scorpions defeated the Broncs 25-21, 25-16, 25-22.

you, even as an NAIA school, it’s a huge challenge, and we kind of answered the challenge tonight.

“We were thankful that they gave us the opportunity to play them and even happier that we came up here and got a big win.”

The Scorpions are now 6-1 for the season and will head this weekend to Livonia, Mich., for a tournament hosted by Madonna University.

The Scorpion *Ultras*, the proud orange-clad fans who have been

turning out for every Scorpion soccer and volleyball home game, also made their presence known at the UTPA Field House, as part of a 15-person contingent who left The Village at Fort Brown to support the Orange and White in

their struggle against the Orange and Green.

Since joining the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics in 2006, the Scorpions have faced the Broncs--members of the Great West Conference in the NCAA Division I--four times. Most recently, the Scorpion baseball team fell twice this last spring (15-2 on April 8 and 8-1 on April 22) at the Edinburg Baseball Stadium.

Wednesday night’s game was also the second time in three years that a Scorpion team had managed to upset an NCAA Division I school, the first time coming on April 19, 2008, as the UTB/TSC Baseball Team took two of three games against Houston Baptist University.

The Scorpions are now 3-11 against NCAA Division I opponents.

--Staff Writer Elizabeth A. Perez contributed to this report.

H1N1

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with developing a plan for here at housing, in case we do have students who end up getting H1N1. So, we are looking at it from several different sides as we are addressing this issue.”

Getting vaccinated is important, but Smith said not everyone needs to be tested for the H1N1 virus.

“We quit doing the H1N1 testing because we don’t need it to know that we have influenza in the community,” he said. “Once we knew what was circulating in the community, then

we quickly switched over to just testing people that were hospitalized and then we refined that further and we’re just testing people that are hospitalized and on a respirator or persons who have died of influenza.”

Smith said the number of H1N1 cases is not as high as it was in April and May, but it hasn’t decreased by too much.

“We had a very large peak in April because that’s when we first identified the virus,” said Adams, the epidemiologist. “It’s dropped off since and then we’ve kind of steadied out probably in the last month. It looks like the end of a regular flu season right now.”

Smith said, “We had a lot of activity early on because of our proximity to Mexico, but we also had some overreporting and over-testing.”

PO2

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courses will be administered writing assignments and will take the Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency test. The assignments and scores will be evaluated by a QEP assessment committee, Cantu said.

An external evaluator, Michelle Hanson, director of Assessment at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, examined UTB/TSC’s Power of Two assessment plan.

“She said that we have a very extensive assessment plan, better than most, so we should be able to gather a lot of data from that assessment and be able to make judgments as to what really makes a difference and whether or not our integration is successful,” Cantu

said.

If Power of Two continues to be successful, even more courses will be linked. By next fall, parts I and II of history and biology will linked with their corresponding composition course will be offered.

“Every year thereafter, we will be adding another [general education] course,” Cantu said. “For sure, we will be adding government, and then there is a possibility of other [general education] courses. It could be environmental sciences, could be art or music appreciation, intro to sociology, so those are possibilities for the future.”

Eventually, “there maybe fewer choices for students in terms of [unlinked courses], but we are hoping to have enough variety so that students can choose to link it with a science or history or government or art or music appreciation,” she said.

Chess

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“Congress meets in October, then they’ll officially award his title,” Harwood said.

In other chess news:
--TeammembersNadiaOrtizand Luciana Morales are competing in the Women’s Continental Championship of the Americas in Cali, Colombia, which ends today. Ortiz, a Colombian native, will be competing for the women’s grand master title.

--UTB/TSC will host the 2009 Pan American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championships Dec. 27-30 at the Sheraton South Padre Island Beach Hotel.

--The team will sponsor a fundraiser for the family of Fred Buitron, a longtime Brownsville Independent School District teacher and chess coach who died on Jan. 9.

“He was really one of the early chess coaches in the district, so he had done a lot to help get chess where it is in the community,” Harwood said. “There is a financial need for his family, a son he left behind, and so we’re going to do this to try and help his family.”

The Fred Buitron Memorial Tournament will take place on Sept. 26. For more information, visit www.rgvtxchess.org.

Letters

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privity to the election results that placed our current president in office, except administration and [Distance Education] personnel; and, we all learned this summer how easy it was for students and staff to manipulate DE results. Now, the administration has canceled freshman elections, which are guaranteed and called for in our constitution. What is next? The administration needs to make a rally where they publicly shred our rights as students and our constitution. At least this way we can see what they do to us in closed special meetings.

We were not quiet last semester. The current SGA members, not counting the president, are our voice and at this point our only hope for students to be in control of what is ours (the student body’s). We (student leaders) will not be silent; we will not be moved easily or at all. Administration, we demand respect and that which is ours: Give us back our association.

Do not insult our intelligence by telling us what we can and cannot have. Everything would run smoothly if only the administration would let us exercise our rights as students.

Samuel Martinez

Sophomore marketing major Former SGA Senator

I read *The Collegian’s* story on the Student Government Association elections and I find it interesting how someone who has been trying to be a part of the SGA ends up expressing that it is a “joke.” I hope that this individual will analyze the magnitude of her comment.

According to the Student Government Constitution, all of us, as students of our university, are members of the student government. I take it highly offensively that she would say that I am a “joke.” Does she intend to question each and every student on campus as to what they have done since the start of the school year for other students?

The tears and the rants of the “president” of the student government only make evident the lack of character, fortitude and determination needed to be effective in social service. To the current SGA, I ask, as a student of this institute, not to appoint the individuals who spoke at the meeting. May they continue to keep the “president” on her toes.

Linda Castro
Concerned Scorpion

Board

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She has helped high schools in Matamoros through teaching as a volunteer.

Gutierrez said she is happy to help the community.

“I have always believed [in helping] my community, whether it is Matamoros where I was born and raised or Brownsville, my home now,” she said.

Tony Zavaleta, interim provost, gave the president’s report on behalf of Juliet V. García, who was absent from the meeting.

Zavaleta announced the renaming of the School of Education to College of Education. The new college has also been awarded \$1.6 million in two grants for teacher preparation in the fields of mathematics and science.

“Together, these two grants will provide more than 75 scholarships for five-year periods,” he said.

The newly established Early College High School has been rated exemplary by the Texas Education Agency.

“It is the first high school in the district to receive the state agency’s top status,” Zavaleta said. “Ninety-nine percent passed the English, arts and reading portions of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TASK) test while 92 percent passed the Texas mathematics portion.”

The university will begin its first year of self-study. The study aims to analyze UTB/TSC’s strengths and weaknesses in order to help facilitate students’ transition into the college environment. The project will be directed by Ethel Cantu, associate vice president for Academic Affairs, and Vince Solis, associate vice president for Student Affairs.

During his briefing to the board, Zavaleta announced the Texas Southmost College Endowment Scholarship will be recognized for fulfilling its 20-year commitment to the university Sept. 17.

Zavaleta said that in 1999, the U.S. Department of Education challenged the university to raise \$1 million within 18 months, and if successful, the department would match the sum.

“At the time, our area had double-digit unemployment and an average income of less than \$6,700 a year,” he said. “Today, almost 13,000 students in the Texas Southmost College District have received \$3.7 million in scholarships,”

In other businesses, the board voted to approve:

--the purchase of Lot 20, Block 9, Colonia Alta Vista Subdivision in the amount \$35,000;

--renewal of general liability, educators legal, crime and auto insurance policies from Shepard Walton King in the amount of \$38,857.

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SGA VPs try to oust de la Fuente

By Cynthia Hernandez
Staff Writer

Members of the Student Government Association’s executive board attempted to impeach President Ruby de la Fuente on Thursday, but could not bring the matter to a vote because no adviser was present.

“Basically, we don’t have any advisers,” said Vice President of Administration David Polin. “Our advisers didn’t show up. Although it is the duties [and] responsibilities of the adviser to be present, nobody is with us. The intention of us being here is to provide a forum for you all, the students.”

De la Fuente was also not present.

Polin announced Mari Fuentes-Martin, associate vice president for Student Affairs and dean of students was on vacation and that David Marquez, coordinator for judicial affairs, “became ill all of a sudden.” For this reason, no official business could be conducted, including the passing of Resolution 6.

The resolution, titled “Censorship and Impeachment,” states de la Fuente held unconstitutional meetings during the summer and “attacked and betrayed the current Student Government Senate.”

The resolution, sponsored by Nathaniel Garcia, vice president of public relations, and Luis Buentello, vice president of accounting and finance, also states “impeachment is the only constitutional method to protect Scorpions from a president intent on abusing power.” The document also alleges de la Fuente violated the SGA Constitution and failed to perform her duties.

The resolution states that upon the impeachment of de la Fuente, Polin would immediately assume the position of SGA president.

During the “Let Your Voice Be Heard” portion of the meeting, graduate student Rosalinda Rangel defended de la Fuente by speaking out against the senate. Rangel said they were “enjoying the fact that students were hurt” in the last meeting, and are immature and not performing their duties.

“As officers, you guys don’t even have office hours, so you’re not doing your job,” she said. “It’s really easy to just point the finger at somebody else ... but at the end of the



MICHAEL PEÑA/COLLEGIAN

Vice President of Public Relations Nathaniel García reads aloud Resolution 6, which calls for the impeachment of Student Government Association President Ruby de la Fuente. Also shown is Vice President of Policy and Procedures David Polin. No official business was conducted because an adviser was not present during Thursday night’s meeting.

day, you’re not even doing your job.”

Rangel said the senate members have not been writing the resolutions, referencing the difficulty with which Vice President of Public Relations Nathaniel Garcia had been reading Resolution 6.

“What can I say?” Garcia told *The Collegian* after the meeting. “I get shy in front of the camera. I did find it a little offensive, but what can I do?”

After the meeting, Polin replied to Rangel’s comments about them not getting their work done after the meeting

as well.

“We are doing work that has to be done,” he said. “I just think we have ... some leadership issues and, hopefully, they get resolved and, hopefully, we can have an SGA that really represents the students.”

The next SGA meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. Thursday in the Student Union’s Salon Gardenia.

Regent

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Ruth Ann Ragland, vice president for Institutional Advancement; Irv Downing, vice president for Economic Development and Community Services; Rosemary R. Martinez, vice president for Business Affairs; Hilda Silva, vice president for Student Affairs; Luis V. Colóm, interim vice president for Research; David Pearson, vice president of Partnership Affairs; and Marilyn Woods, assistant to the president.

Meijer said the purpose of his visit is to meet students and let them know that they have somebody sitting on the

UT System board representing them.

“I was advised: ‘travel early and travel to all [campuses]’,” he said, “so, this whole month of September I will go to every single campus and maybe start something where students can actually put out a word, discuss, or maybe write a formal letter, something that will go in the paper you guys have here, *The Collegian*.”

Meijer is a first-generation college student. His mother is from Nicaragua and his father from Puerto Rico. He spoke Spanish until he was 12 years old, when he moved with his parents to the United States, so he relates to many students at UTB/TSC.

His visit ended with a luncheon in the Student Union’s Salon Bougainvillea, where students had a chance to express

some of their concerns at UTB/TSC. The students spoke of the advantages and disadvantages of the Satisfactory Academic Progress policy, the Dual Enrollment program, international students not having enough scholarship opportunities, the small dimensions of the New Library, the small number of housing options and the lack of availability of classes. Students also complained about the insufficient number of advising personnel.

Meijer is the vice president of the Class of 2010, director of Healthcare Finance Elective and president of the Orthopaedic Student Interest Group. He volunteers with UT Southwestern’s United to Serve, according to the UT System Web site, and played on the 2005 National Champion Longhorn football team.

Soccer

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well tonight.”

Apodaca said his teammates helped ease offensive pressure.

“The [Celts] players were very dangerous,” he said. “Everybody did their job, so we came out ahead.”

Of course, no Scorpion game would be complete without the fans.

“It was a good game, they played good,” said Ruben Garcia, a sophomore criminal justice major. “My roommate [Aaron Guerrero] didn’t play though, but they played good.”

Adriana Anzaldúa, a sophomore exercise science major, said, “I thought it was really fun. It was my first game so it’s different, reminded me of high school, but it was fun.”

Rain, at last



MICHAEL PEÑA/COLLEGIAN

UTB/TSC students walk in the rain as they head to their classes on Aug. 31. The area had not received rainfall in three months, according to the National Weather Service office in Brownsville.

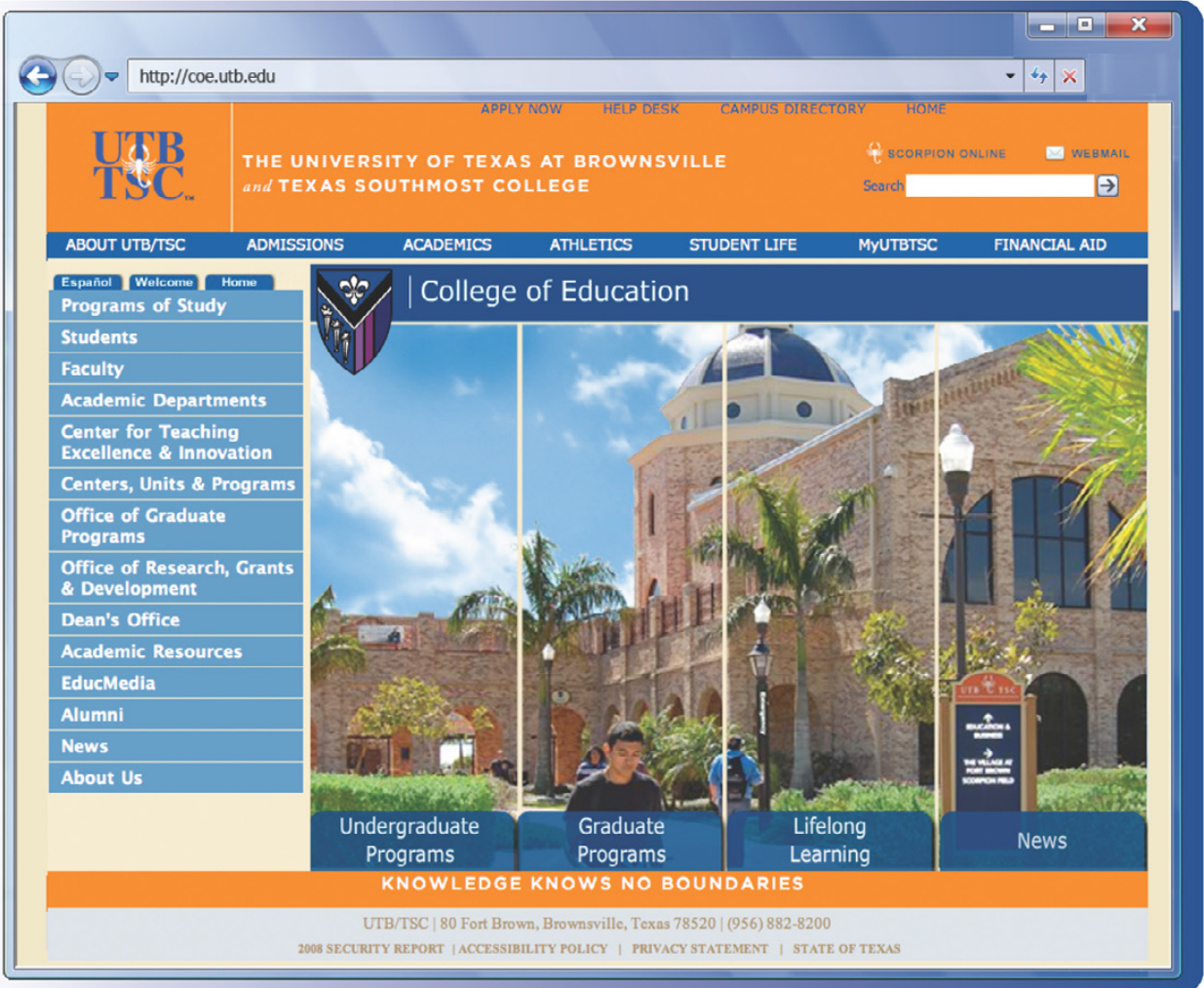


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